Rama Varmha Tampuran.—With regard to this scheme they are opening 3 maternity and child-welfare centres. The buildings are almost complete and they will open 3 or 4 more next year. A special provision has been made for that. In these maternity welfare centres they will train mid-wives, they will make provision for maternity cases and they will give instructions to mothers and all possible help will be given for child-welfare.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the department done anything except by way of providing the buildings ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The buildings have to be first constructed and on completion of that they will open their centres and work in right earnest will be started.

Donations and Subscriptions—1109.

253. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to give a date-war statement of account "Donations and Subscriptions" in 1109?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list is appended. *(Vide Appendix I).*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the principle guiding the Government in the matter of grant of these donations ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is only one principle involved and that is wherever, Government think, help is required, that is given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether all sorts of requests that are placed before the Government will be granted or what exactly is the principle to decide whether A or B deserves it ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—All sorts of requests will not be granted and it is very difficult to define the exact principle because it is not one single item under which all these can be grouped.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can the House know a few cases for which donation would be granted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Hon'ble Member can find them out from the list. These are the instances where the grants have been given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—We find here various items of donations granted. Is there any principle or principles which guide the Government in the matter of these grants; for example, poverty ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, poverty is one of the considerations.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the next consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are several considerations. It is not possible to bring all these instances under one category. Each request will have to be considered on its own merits.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On what principle was the amount of Rs. 29,608/- given to the Consort and children of His Highness the Maharaja ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not the amount paid; it is only an adjustment of accounts.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On what principle was it given ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not given to any body; it is only an adjustment in accounts.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What does it mean?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Timber was granted from the Forest Departmentand the cost of the timber was adjusted from this particular head " Donations and Subscriptions.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does it not actually come to giving the amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It does not come.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why this Rs. 29,608 was given piecemeal?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It depends on the day on which these bills are received by the Forest Department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there any precedents?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered that question several times and I do not think I have got anything more to add to it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it a donation or adjustment? In the answer it is statedthat it is a donation but now the Hon'ble Secretary says it isonly an adjustment.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is an adjustment to the credit of the Forest Department met from the budget head under this particular head " Donations and Subscriptions ".

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But that much is an expenditure for the Government. Is it not so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is:

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not the Government giving this timber gratis to the party concerned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Timber is purchased from the Forest Department and when such timber is purchased they send up their bills to the Superintendent of Stamps and the cost of the timber is adjusted to the credit of the Forest Department so that their revenues might not be affected adversely. It is a departmental adjustment of accounts.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there is any principle which guides the free grant of timber?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered that question and I do not think I have anything to add to it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any rule that the timber given free should be utilised for the purpose for which it is given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is to be utilised for the purpose to which it is given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has any enquiry been made to see whether it is done so?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Generally, individual enquiries are not conducted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any particular officer in the Government to dole out these donations and subscriptions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is nothing like doling out. There is the Superintendent of Stamps, etc., who is the officer competent to meet the expenditure from this particular head.

Mr. T. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any officer to decide whether timber should be given or not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government decide it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was 'poverty' the main consideration in the present instance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I did not say that it is the only main consideration. It is one of the considerations. There may be other reasons; there may also be political reasons. For example you find a subscription of Rs. 800/- to the Chamber of Princes. Again you find a grant to the Maharaja's Grandha Library; another towards the cost of 25 copies of Brahmasutra-sankara Bashya, another donation to the Secretary, Cochin Athletic Association and then again to the Buy Indian League

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of Madras and so on so that it is impossible to bring all these under one category.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When a similar question was put, the Secretary gave an answer that there were precedents like this. May I know whether there was any precedent in which the amounts from donations and subscriptions were utilised for the construction of house to His Highness' Consort?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice if the Hon'ble Member is referring to previous questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Government have given a donation to the Madras Race Club. What has this institution to do with the welfare of the people of the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government decided or thought it necessary to give such a donation.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Because you have got power in your hands—that irresponsible power.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes; it may be so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why the amount of Rs. 2,203—8—0, the cost of timber granted to Messrs. M. Govinda Menon, K. Narayana Menon, M. Madhavan Panickar, K. K. Sreenivasa Shenoi and Poulose Mar Athanasius is put together?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. Probably the Forest Department might have consolidated the whole thing and sent in one bill with regard to all these instances.

Charity Wakfs—regulating of.

254. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government state when for the first time the desirability of the Government regulating Charity Wakfs was brought to their notice both in and outside the Council?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question was raised in the Legislative Council by means of a question for the first time in November 1931. On 7th November 1931 Mr. K. M. Seethi, ex-M. L. C., also requested the Diwan for sanction to introduce his "Mussalman Wakf Validating Bill" in the Legislative Council.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, why they did not introduce some regulations to ensure the keeping up of proper accounts of wakfs as they promised to the Council on various occasions?

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APPENDIX I.

Date-war statement of Accounts of Donations and subscription in 1109.

Date	*Particulars of payment*	*Amount* Rs.	As.	Ps.
13— 1—1109	Cost of timber granted to Mr. P. I. Joseph, clerk, Huzur	525	5	0
15— 1—1109	Grant to Cherai Public Library for 12/08	5	0	0
22— 1—1109	Subscription to the Chamber of Princes for the year 1933	800	0	0
5— 2—1109	Cost of timber granted for the construction of a house to the consort and children of H. H. the Maharaja	21,485	8	0
13— 2—1109	Grant to Cranganur Public Library for 1108	100	0	0
Do	Grant to P. J. R. R. Library, Irinjalakkuda for 1107	100	0	0
17— 2—1109	Grant to the Maharaja's Grandha Library for 1109	750	0	0
24— 2—1109	Cost of 5 copies of "Brahmasutra-sankara Bhashya"	403	15	0
Do	Grant to Ailur Union Library for 1108	50	0	0
7— 3—1109	Grant to the Teachers' Magazine for 1109	100	0	0
8— 3—1109	Lighting charges of Village Libraries for 11 & 12/08	20	2	0
11— 3—1109	Grant to Cherai Public Library for 1/1109	5	0	0
21— 3—1109	Grant to Princes' Library for 1109	100	0	0
Do	Grant to Village Library, Pudukad, for purchasing books for 1108	50	0	0
Do	do to Cheruthuruthy do	50	0	0
Do	Lighting charges of Village Libraries for 1/1109	8	10	0
Do	Cost of timber granted to Thazhathu Parampil Kochukuttan, Urakam Village	200	0	0
Do	Grant to Cherai Public Library for 2/1109	5	0	0
24— 3—1109	Grant to Chelakkara Library for 1107	50	0	0
2— 4—1109	Cost of new lights purchased for Village Libraries of Pudukad and Choorakattukara	13	12	0
13— 4—1109	Donation to the Hon: Secretary Cochin Athletic Association	125	0	0
Do	Donation to the Buy Indian League, Madras	750	0	0
16— 4—1109	Contribution for reconstruction of a Hospital in New Delhi	5,000	0	0
Do	Donation to National Horse Breeding & Show, Delhi	2,000	0	0
27— 4—1109	Donation to the Imperial Horse Show	500	0	0
Do	Grant to the Rama Varma Research Institute for 1109	100	0	0

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		Rs.	As.	Ps.
27— 4—1109	Grant to Cherai Public Library for Thulam 1109	5	0	0
3— 5—1109	Donation to Mr. Satchit and cost of 100 copies of Madras States Directory	600	0	0
4— 5—1109	Grant to the Marthanda Rural Reconstruction area	200	0	0
Do	Donation to the society for the preservation of wild life in South India	250	0	0
21— 5—1109	Grant to Kattur Village Library and Reading Room for 1109	50	0	0
Do	Lighting charges of V. L. & R. R. S. for 2 and 3/09	18	11	0
22— 5—1109	Grant to Cherai Public Library for 4/09	5	0	0
5— 6—1109	Grant to the Ernakulam Public Library	600	0	0
Do	Lighting charges of V. L and R. R. S. for 4/09	8	3	0
Do	Subscription to the Agri-Horticultural Society, Madras.	12	0	0
7— 6—1109	Cost of timber granted to Messrs. M. Govinda Menon, K. Narayana Menon, M. Madhava Panikker, P. K. Sreenivasa Shenai and Poulose Mar Athanasius	2,203	8	0
14— 6—1109	Grant to Cherai Public Library for 5/09	5	0	0
17— 6—1109	Cost of timber granted to Mr. N. Theyunni Nair	199	3	0
10— 7—1109	Donation to the Annual Regatta	250	0	0
11— 7—1109	Grant to the College Magazine for 1109	400	0	0
Do	Bonus to staff of Village Libraries for 1108	438	9	0
Do	Grant to 5 Village Libraries for 1108	250	0	0
Do	Cost of timber granted to K. A. Samajam Hospital	400	0	0
Do	Cost of timber granted to Chengal Convent, Chowwara	400	0	0
12— 7—1109	Lighting charges of 6 Village Libraries	4	1	0
17— 7—1109	Cost of timber granted to Mr. Devaraja Ayyar	549		0
25— 7—1109	Lighting charges of 6 Village Libraries	8	11	0
2— 8—1109	Cost of timber granted for the construction of a house to the consort and children of H. H. the Maharaja	1,962	11	0
Do	Cost of a teak log supplied to the Flag staff of the Ernakulam Temple	390	4	0
6— 8—1109	Cost of timber granted to Trikkana Makai Veeran and others	33	8	0
21— 8—1109	Donation to H. E. the Viceroy's Earthquake Fund	750	0	0
23— 8—1109	Lighting charges of Village Libraries for 7/09	9	0	0
4— 9—1109	Donation to Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Coonoor	100	0	0
Do	Donation to the Madras Race Club	500	0	0
Do	Cost of timber for the construction of house for the consort and children of H. H. the Maharaja	1 175	3	0

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		Rs.	As.	Ps.
20— 9—1109	Cost of a Shield presented by H. H. the Maharaja on the occasion of the 3rd All-Cochin Scout Ralley	30	0	0
23— 9—1109	Subscription to Yogamimamsa, Volume V	84	0	0
26— 9—1109	Cost of timber granted to the President, Puthiya Thrikkovil Temple Renovation Committee	450	0	0
Do	Lighting charges of Village Libraries	4	12	0
4—12—1109	Cost of timber granted to K. Narayanan Nair and others	333	2	0
Do	Donation to Coonoor Flower Exhibition	100	0	0
23—10—1109	Cost of timber granted for the construction of a house to the consort and children of H. H the Maharaja	2,349	13	0
4—11—1109	Cost of Rosewood granted for the construction of a house to the consort and children of H. H. the Maharaja	445	9	0
14—11—1109	Contribution to the Ernakulam Poor House for 1109.	1,200	0	0
16—11—1109	Grant to Mulanthuruthy Public Library for 1108	33	1	0
23—11—1109	Grant to the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor	500	0	0
6—12—1109	Lighting charges of Village Libraries	3	0	0
12—12—1109	Donation to the Secretaries of the Diwan's Earth Quake Relief Fund	250	0	0
17—12—1109	Donation to the Samasta Kerala Sahitya Parishat	100	0	0
18—12—1109	Grant to Cherai P. L. and reading room	35	0	0
Do	Repairing and purchase of lights for Narakkal Village Library	3	0	0
22—12—1109	Cost of timber granted to Muriamangalathu Moopil Nambooripad, Mother Superior, St. Joseph's Convent, Trippunattura and M. Sankunny Menon.	1,150	15	0
Do	Lighting charges of Village Libraries	9	0	0
25—12—1109	Cost of timber granted for the construction of a house to the consort and children of H. H. the Maharaja	1,916	4	0
30—12—1109	Cost of timber granted for the construction of a house to the consort and children of H. H. the Maharaja	276	0	0

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